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## Marginal Column

By I. F. STONE

MOMENTOUS conclusions hopeful for world peace flow from the budget statement made by President Eisenhower. He announced a new approach to the problem of defence. He said, "We reject the idea that we must build up to a maximum attainable strength for some specific date theoretically fixed for a specified time in the future." The tempo of rearmament was no longer to be "tied to any magic critical year." This means an end of government by annual alarum, and an end of government by alarum in America must contribute materially to an easing of world tension.

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A CORRESPONDENT reminded Eisenhower that the maximum target date of 1954 was supposed to mark the time when (in opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) the U.S.S.R. would be ready to launch an atomic attack on the United States. Eisenhower's answer was refreshingly calm. He said he was not going to quarrel with the estimate of when the Russians would have the atom bomb because he does not admit that anyone can predict when, if ever, another government would want to launch into global war. He added that he just did not believe there was a necessary relationship between the two. The quiet reply deviated strikingly from the demonology of the cold war.

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IT is not that the Republicans hate the Communists less. It is merely that they love a balanced budget more. Taft said it in Chicago on February 21 when he warned that "we could destroy our liberty by a military and foreign expenditure in time of peace so great that a free economic system cannot survive." There is no such thing as building up to a final situation of strength between two great Powers. An increase on one side is matched by an increase on the other; new weapons of offence call forth new means of defence. Tension and hostility must be stimulated to maintain the competitive pace and no country is too rich to avoid impoverishment if the process is unchecked.

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THE Democrats, the popular party, have always been a cheap money party. The Republicans came back to power where they went out — in anxiety over the budget. The dollar cannot be "strengthened" without sharp cuts in expenditure; the only place where sizeable cuts can be made is in military spending. The Democrats, under Red smear attack since 1938, did not dare suggest cutting down arms in face of The Menace. The Republicans are under no such compulsion. No Democrat would dare handle the military as Charles Wilson of GM is doing, or to talk of the military the way his deputy, Kyes, also from General Motors, did last week before the annual meeting of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, lashing out at the incompetence and extravagance in the Pentagon. How the military must miss those docile Democrats!

*Washington, May 25.*

## Taft Urges US Act Alone in Korea, Without U.N.

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Wednesday. — Senator Robert Taft began his speech to the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Cincinnati last night by reiterating his support for the Jewish National Home. He said that the war and the refugee problem could have been avoided had the State been established by the Allies during the Second World War.

The Senator recommended that the Conference help solve the refugee problem, adding that it seemed there would be no peace in the Near East until it was solved. He said that "intolerance" of Israel leaders had contributed to the flight of the refugees.

His speech, read for him by his son, discussed other foreign problems, making statements which he said were "going to shock a good many people."

Mr. Taft recommended the virtual abandonment of the U.N. as a means of working for peace. He preferred military alliances, claiming that the U.S. had already done so through NATO, although he expressed scepticism of its "military practicability."

He advised informing the Allies that America was withdrawing from further Korean peace negotiations should the present talks fail, and would maintain "a completely free hand" in Asia unhampered by the U.N.

At the U.N. today European delegates were demanding to know whether the Senator was speaking for President Eisenhower. The President cannot imply criticism by silence as he tries to do with Senator McCarthy.

The White House press secretary said this evening that there would be no White House comment on Senator Taft's speech. In a statement last night Mr. Eisenhower stressed that the proposals made at Panmunjom by General Harrison were those of U.N. and not just America.

### S. Korean Opposed To New Offer

SEOUL, Wednesday (Reuter). — South Korea tonight remained bitterly opposed to the new U.N. truce proposals which Allied observers believe may provide the formula for ending the Korean War.

These observers said that as the proposals seem to represent comparatively big Allied concessions on the major point at issue, they will prove a fair indication as to whether the Communists really want an armistice.

South Korean objection to the U.N. proposal — supposedly still secret — is thought to be the point of submitting the entire question of war prisoners to a U.N. General Assembly meeting if there is a deadlock lower down the line.

### Quashing of Rosenberg Death Sentence Asked

NEW YORK, Wednesday (AP). — An application to void the death sentences on Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted atom spies, was filed in the Federal Court today by their defence counsel, Mr. E. Bloch. There was no indication how soon the Federal Court would act on the application.

## Nagib Seen Ready To Make 'Deal' on Israel

**WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — Secretary of State Dulles believes that Egyptian Premier Nagib may be willing to take the initiative in getting other Arab Nations to agree to a settlement with Israel if the Egyptian leader secures a satisfactory solution of his country's dispute with Britain over the Suez.**

### Dulles Finds 'Common Purpose' in Turkey

ATHENS, Wednesday. — U.S. Secretary of State Dulles discussed Greek military, political and economic problems with Cabinet Ministers here today.

Mr. Dulles, who is accompanied by Mutual Security Director Harold Stassen, will stay in Greece less than 24 hours. Tonight they are dining with King Paul.

Their most important conference was held at the U.S. Embassy, where they were the guests at lunch of Ambassador John Peurifoy and received brief reports from the Ambassador, Lt. General Charles Hart, Chief of the U.S. Military Mission and Mr. Leland Barrows, head of the Mutual Security Administration mission to Greece.

On leaving Ankara this morning, the Secretary of State told reporters that he would stress to President Eisenhower "the atmosphere of common purpose" he had found in Turkey, and that he would also "emphasize the strength of Turkey's democracy and the capacities of its economy."

"The New York Times" reported today that Turkish leaders had urged Mr. Dulles to set up immediately a Middle East Defence organization without waiting for the Arabs. The paper commented that American thinking tended to favour individual agreements with the M.E. states nearest Russia, including Pakistan, Syria, Turkey and Iraq. Israel might possibly be included, although the "Times" does not mention this. (Reuter, UP)

This was reported today by well-informed quarters who have been advised in detail of the confidential discussions between Mr. Dulles and Nagib at their recent Cairo meeting. These quarters pointed out that Nagib made no firm commitment on this point. However, he indicated that a successful agreement on Suez would increase his stature with his countrymen to a point where he might be able to take what would be a rather unpopular step in the eyes of many Arabs.

**Information supplied by well-informed diplomatic sources here hinted at the possibility that there may have been an element of horse-trading in the Dulles-Nagib conversations.**

**The Egyptian leader, well aware that the U.S. is most anxious to have peace between Israel and the Arab states, implied his willingness to take the leading role in trying to bring this about if his Suez negotiations were successful in the eyes of Egypt.**

### BRITISH SOLDIER STABBED AT FAYID

FAYID, Wednesday (Reuter). —Two British soldiers on their way for a swim were attacked from behind by two Egyptians, British headquarters said here today. One of the soldiers was stabbed in the back.

Both soldiers were wearing civilian clothes. The attackers were wearing Arab dress and escaped, taking the soldiers' bathing trunks and towels. The wounded soldier's condition was stated at Fayid military hospital to be "fair." His companion was unhurt.

The attack was inside the Fayid Garrison containing about 30,000 British troops and bristling with guns. The two soldiers were walking along waste ground about a quarter mile from their camp.

## 4 U.S. Agents Parachuted Into Russia Executed, Moscow Says

MOSCOW, Wednesday (UP).— Russia executed four "American agents" who parachuted into Ukrainian territory from a U.S. bomber on April 26, the Soviet press announced today in a communique from the Soviet Internal Security Ministry.

The communique said that two of the American agents were "saboteurs" who gave their names as Vasili Vasilchenko and Leonid Makovsky, but confessed that they were fictitious. It said that the two also confessed that they were "parachuted into Soviet territory by American Intelligence with diversionist, terrorist and espionage assignments."

The communique said that the plane was a four-engined bomber with no marks.

Vasilchenko and Makovsky were said to have confessed that their names were given them by American Intelligence Officers. Vasilchenko's real name was Alexander Lakhni, and his "espionage nickname" was "Alek," the communique said. Makovsky's real name was Alexander Makov, and his nickname was "Pit."

It added that the two men testified that two other agents dropped from the same plane were named "John" and "Dick."

### U.S. Says Moscow Charges 'Fantastic'

**WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). —The State Department today denounced as "fantastic" and "phoney" a Moscow declaration that the four persons executed in Russia were four American spies.**

**Asked for comment on the Soviet statement, Department Press Officer Lincoln White said: "This is too fantastic to deserve comment other than to point out that it is but another dismal example of phoney charges issued from time to time by the Communists in an effort "phoney" a Moscow allegation**

Both men were found and arrested on the same day. "John" proved to be Sergei Gorbunov, and "Dick" was identified as Dimitri Remiga, according to the communique.

"The spies carried shooting instruments, four short-wave radio transmitters, American-made radio-signalling instruments for guiding aircraft, and also secret writing materials, equipment for making counterfeit Soviet documents, large amounts of Soviet and foreign currency, anti-Soviet propaganda material and cyanide poison," the communique said, adding that their parachutes were found in the area where the agents were dropped and caught.

The four men were tried by the Military Tribunal of the Supreme Court of the Soviet Union, the communique continued. The Tribunal charged that the four men had been active Nazi agents during World War II, apparently indicating that all four were Soviet citizens at that time. The four men were said to have betrayed Soviet patriots to the Germans, and took part in German punitive operations against Soviet partisan groups.

All four defendants, the communique stated, were "in the service of American Intelligence which sent them to a training corps at Bad Wiessee, near Munich, Germany, for study under the guidance of American Intelligence Officers whose nicknames were 'Bill,' 'Bob' and 'Vladimir,' a captain." The accused testified at their trial that they were flown from Munich to Athens, where they were met by "An American Intelligence Officer, Maj. Harold Fidler, who, in 1951, came to the Soviet Union three times as a diplomatic courier."

### Goldstuecker Given Life Imprisonment

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — The former Czechoslovak Minister to Israel, Dr. Edward Goldstuecker, Richard Slansky, brother of Rudolf Slansky, and two other Czechoslovaks were last night sentenced to life imprisonment for high treason and espionage, by the Prague Supreme Court after a one-day trial, Prague Radio announced.

According to the announcement the four were found guilty of carrying out widespread sabotage under the direction of Rudolf Slansky.

## Israel Soldier Killed in Clash Near Hebron

**One Israel soldier was killed and another wounded when Israel units clashed with, and inflicted considerable losses on an armed Jordan unit yesterday morning in the Hebron district, an Army spokesman announced yesterday. The Jordan unit crossed the armistice lines and penetrated into Israel territory, but was forced to flee in the ensuing exchange of fire.**

Israel has called for an emergency meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission to discuss Jordan's aggressive actions yesterday in the Hebron area. A sharp protest had been submitted to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission on this latest and deliberate act of aggression by Jordan.

The Jordan version, as quoted by the Near East Arab Broadcasting Station in Cyprus last night, alleged that an Israel Army unit opened fire on Arab farmers harvesting in the fields west of Idna village Jordan territory at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. A member of the National Guard was killed and his body was dragged into Israel territory, the report, given out by the Arab Legion, claims.

During the exchange of fire, which, according to the report, lasted two hours, two Israel soldiers were killed and one wounded. Three Israel planes are said to have flown over the area during the firing. Jordan has lodged a complaint with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Two more Israel attacks on Arab farmers in the Idna village occurred yesterday afternoon, according to the Near East Arab Broadcasting Station, which said the Arab Legion soldiers who were called to the spot in the morning repulsed a second Jewish assault there later in the day. Two Jews were killed in the exchange of fire, while the Arabs did not suffer any losses, it was claimed.

At the same time, according to the NEABS report, an Arab Legion pillbox on the railway lines near the Tulkarem railway station was under bren-gun fire from an Israel Army unit. The statement alleged that three Jews were killed by the returning fire of the Arab Legion.

**Commenting on the Jordan allegations, the Israel Army spokesman described the reports as the "usual Jordan fantasies. Their aim is to cover the Jordan attack in the Hebron area yesterday morning with a smoke-screen of lies."**

General Bennett L. de Ridder, Chairman of the Israel-Jordan MAC, agreed to the Jordan demand to convene an emergency meeting of the Commission which will take place at Mandelbaum Gate this morning, according to ANA.

Great surprise has been expressed in Israel circles at this turn by the General, who, for the second time this week, has consented to convene an emergency meeting at Jordan's request. It is recalled that in previous weeks he categorically refused to take such a step when asked to do so by Israel.

### FUNERAL OF MARAUDER'S VICTIM

RAMLE, Wednesday (ITIM). — The funeral was held today of Mrs. Tamar Namdar, mother of seven children, who was killed in a marauders' attack on a coastal plain village on Monday night, and was attended by scores of fellow-immigrants from Persia now living in her village and neighbouring communities.

### SPECIAL BORDER FORCE

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). —A unit of the special Border Police Force was sworn in at recruiting headquarters here before leaving for a police training depot.

Recruiting for the unit began six weeks ago, and all the vacancies were filled in the last few days.

### Israel, Yugoslavia in Basketball Finals

MOSCOW, Wednesday (Reuter). — Israel entered the finals of the European Basketball Championships today when Lebanon refused to play her. Yugoslavia came in one place behind Israel having lost to Bulgaria today by 27:25.

Israel and Yugoslavia meet again tomorrow when the championship proper begins. The eight finalists have to play each other in turn.

Other finalists are Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, Hungary, Italy and the Soviet Union.

### AFTER MIDNIGHT

President Eisenhower's Administration advised Congress last night that it would cut its foreign aid appropriations request by at least $1½m.

# Ben Gurion Tells Knesset Hopes Coalition Will Endure

## Calls on President to Report

By SRAYA SHAPIRO, POST Knesset Correspondent

The fate of the Cabinet will be decided next week, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion told the Knesset yesterday. "I feel it is my duty in the next few days, to make a serious effort to maintain the broad coalition which is vital to the State." President Ben-Zvi received the Prime Minister at 12.30 p.m. yesterday following Mr. Ben Gurion's announcement in the Knesset.

The Mapai Political Committee, which met yesterday morning, recommended further efforts to reach an understanding, and also to ascertain the readiness of non-Coalition parties to participate. It is understood that Agudat Yisrael were approached, and that they expressed their willingness to join a coalition if compulsory service for religious women was not to be enforced. The Prime Minister will meet the four former General Zionist Ministers at his home this afternoon.

Mr. Ben Gurion, in his statement in the Knesset, said: "I have the firmest conviction that there is no real basis for the present crisis, but only a fleeting misunderstanding which could be easily overcome with good will and a spirit of mutual confidence.

"The flag issue was falsely interpreted abroad. Some foreign papers said that there was a conflict within the Cabinet or between the coalition parties on the Communist Banner. There could be no more absurd distortion. Except for a small, five-man faction amongst the 120 Members of the Knesset, there is no party among us which flaunts the Communist flag.

"I know that not only among the coalition factions, but in larger spheres, too, there is a conviction that national unity is necessary. In the next few days I shall do whatever is within my power to consolidate the coalition and, if possible, enlarge it."

There were no differences whatever between members of the Cabinet on the scope and tenor of the State Education Bill, the Prime Minister added.

### Progressives Decide On 'Freedom of Action'

The Progressive Party's Central Committee last night gave powers to the Party's Political Committee for freedom of action in the present crisis. Meeting in Tel Aviv, the Committee blamed Mapai for their reckless resolution and the General Zionists for their rash resignation.

The Mapam leaders, Meir Ya'ari and Ya'acov Hazan, have been invited to meet the Prime Minister in Tel Aviv this morning. The Mapam Central Committee met in Tel Aviv last night.

The Mapai Political Committee has designated two "negotiators" whom they have instructed to approach every party, however small, and not refuse conversations even with Mapam—if the latter takes the initiative. It is not considered unlikely that some headway will be made in that direction, for the need for a National Government has become much greater of late, following the undeclared Arab 'border war.'

The General Zionist Executive Committee is to meet in Tel Aviv today, while Mapai's Central Committee will meet on Sunday.

## UP Corrects Story Of 'Hammer and Sickle'

POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—The United Press yesterday corrected its earlier story that the Communist hammer and sickle flag was flown in Israel labour schools. The story was widely printed in yesterday's papers. At a press conference, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, Israel Minister without Portfolio, called it a malicious lie.

In fact, the story did not originate in Jerusalem but was apparently written in the American offices of the agency.

Actually, "Red Flag" headlines over accurate Associated Press stories have been just as damaging in the present state of American public opinion.

Mr. Lavon told the press that the red flag was traditional to the Israel labour movement as it was in Western Europe, and its use in labour schools had not the slightest association with Communism which the Histadrut and Mapai to which he belonged had consistently and actively fought.

"Reports that the labour flag which we use contains the Communist symbols of the hammer and sickle, are false. We have never used Communist symbols, which to us stand for a movement which has always fought against our national aspirations and our work in Israel," he said.

"Whatever differences on isolated issues may exist between my party and other parties, and no matter how strongly we may feel about these differences, the overwhelming majority of the people of Israel will always be united in the determination to preserve their democracy and protect the conditions of human freedom as they are generally understood in all free countries."

## First Israel Consul Leaves for India

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. — Mr. Gavriel Doron, of the Foreign Ministry, and Mrs. Doron left by PAL this morning on their way to Bombay, where Mr. Doron is to take up his new appointment as Israel Consul to India. He is the first Foreign Ministry official to be posted to the sub-Continent. For the past three years Israel has been represented in India by an Honorary Consul, Mr. Fred Pollack, who also served as Commercial Representative in South-East Asia. Mr. Pollack is an Israel businessman who went to India 12 years ago and is now returning to business in Israel.

It is hoped here that the presence of an Israel Foreign Ministry representative will help to hasten the official exchange of diplomatic representatives, the opening of an Israel Legation in New Delhi and an Indian Legation in Israel, to which India's consent in principle was given a year ago.

Also aboard the plane were four Indian Government officials returning home after a three-month visit to study the cooperative movement in Israel, at the invitation of the Israel Government. They are Mr. S. Prasad, of Bihar; Mr. C. A. Jamakhandimath, of Bombay; Mr. R. Goswami, of West Bengal; and Mr. G. K. Beg, of Kashmir.

## G.Z. Ministers Bid Farewell

The four former General Zionist Ministers, Mr. I. Rokach (Interior), Mr. P. Bernstein (Commerce and Industry), Mr. J. Saphir (Communications) and Mr. J. Serlin (Health) yesterday bid farewell to the staffs of their Ministries.

Mr. Rokach said that when he accepted the post he expected to hold it for 30 years, as he had held the mayoralty of Tel Aviv.

Mr. Saphir asked the staff of the Ministry to continue to work with the same devotion they had showed him. On behalf of the staff, Mr. H. Razily, the Director General, thanked the Minister for the fact that any member of the Ministry had felt free to call upon him at any hour. Mr. Serlin expressed his appreciation of the courtesy and devotion shown him.

Dr. Bernstein hoped that the "transitory period" during which the Ministry would be without a Minister would be a short one, since it could cause much harm to the work of the Ministry. The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Z. Susayeff, also said goodbye while the Director General, Dr. S. Lipschitz, promised that the officials would continue to work in the spirit which had prevailed during Dr. Bernstein's term of office.

### COMAY APPOINTED MINISTER TO CANADA

Mr. Michael Comay, Assistant Director General of the Foreign Ministry, has been appointed Minister to Canada. Mr. Comay joined the Foreign Ministry in 1948, and was a member of the Israel delegation to the U.N. General Assembly. Previously, he was with the Political Department of the Jewish Agency and during the period 1946-48 was sent abroad on numerous occasions on political missions.

Mr. Comay was born in South Africa and educated at Cape Town University.

## Falkirk Beats Maccabi T.A., 2-0

Jerusalem POST Reporter

RAMAT GAN, Wednesday. — Falkirk, the Scottish soccer team, beat Maccabi Tel Aviv 2-0 in one of the best games ever played here. The Ramat Gan stadium drew a crowd of 30,000 this afternoon.

Jimmy Delaney, Falkirk's star and captain, headed in the opening goal in the 26th minute from a corner kick. The Maccabi forwards had earlier missed two excellent opportunities to score.

In the sixth minute of the second half, Maccabi's Glazer overshot in front of an open goal with a fierce kick which was badly directed. In the 20th minute of this half, the Maccabi right back, Schneour, passed the ball back to the advancing Maccabi goalie, Ben Dori, but the Scot's outside left, Brown, nipped smartly between them and with a light shot, set the ball rolling slow in to score amid shouts and applause.

Maccabi made efforts to peace throughout the game, especially in the second half, but their efforts failed due to bad shooting or their opponents strong defensive work.

Eli Fuchs, at centre half, was outstanding in stopping Plumb, the Scottish centre-forward.

Before the game began, the two teams were presented to Sir Francis Evans, the British Ambassador, and exchanged the flags of their respective sports clubs.

Sir Francis kicked off. Among those present were Dr. Pablo Manguel, the Argentine Minister, M. Karl Wartl, the Austrian Consul, and Mr. A. Krinitsi, Mayor of Ramat Gan.

### The Jerusalem Post

An illustrated Coronation preview will appear in Friday's issue of The Jerusalem POST. It will contain articles on London's preparations for the event, and an explanation of the ceremonies and their links with history. Order your copy in advance.

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## Social & Personal

Mr. W. Curtis, a Director of the Glosser Aviation Company, and Mrs. Curtis, have arrived in Israel aboard the ss. Artza.

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A reception in honour of Mr. and Mrs. S. Gutlin, veteran Zionists of Los Angeles, was given on Tuesday by the Jewish National Fund at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Yardeni in Jerusalem.

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The Rev. James Parkes will deliver a guest lecture on "The Chosen People in Judaism and Christianity" under the auspices of the Hebrew University at 5.30 this evening, in the Ratisbonne Building (Hall 75), Jerusalem. The public is invited.

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An exhibition of 80 pen and wash studies by Mrs. Anna Ticho will be opened today at the Bezalel Museum, Jerusalem, prior to their display in Europe and the U.S.

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The Israel Advertising Association will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Zeitner Club, 18 Rehov Bialik, Tel Aviv, at 4.30 this afternoon.

## New Jersey Family Send 40 Cases of Clothing

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A shipment of 40 cases of used clothing, food and two sewing machines from the U.S., has just been received by the Hadassah Overseas Visitors' Club here. The shipment was collected and sent by the Bugen family of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, over and above their usual Hadassah work. The Bugens paid a visit to Israel two years ago.

Hadassah advises on the kind of clothing needed here, and Scrip certificates for distribution to the needy who have no relatives in the U.S. are also received by the Club. Often, U.S. tourists on luxury-ship Mediterranean cruises contribute clothes and certificates to the Haifa Club.

The clothes are handed to the Municipal Social Welfare Department, who sort and distribute them.

## Locusts in Southern Negev

Small swarms of locusts have invaded the fields near Revivim and Halutza settlements in the southern Negev and have caused some damage, the Plant Protection Department of the Ministry of Agriculture announced yesterday.

The locusts, in the third stage of development, come from the demilitarized region on the Israel-Egyptian border. Members of the Department are cooperating with the Army and the local inhabitants to spread poisoned bait for the invaders, it was said.

## AMERICAN GRANT FOR WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA) A grant of $7,500 to the Weizmann Institute of Science has been made by the Pinned Patenthood Federation of America, Inc, for the purpose of studying "chemical isolation and characterization of contraceptive principles in plants of the lithospermum species." The ultimate goal of the research is a practical, oral contraceptive.

The tentative starting date of the research is July 1. It is to be headed by Dr. David Ginsburg who conducted similar research and development work for laboratories in the U.S. before settling in Israel.

## 'Education Must Be State-Controlled'

A Government which ceded control of education to other bodies was equivalent to a State which handed over its frontier defence to non-governmental bodies, declared Prof. B. Dinur, Minister of Education at a meeting of senior Government officials in Jerusalem last night.

Emphasising the importance which the Premier attached to the Unified Education Bill, Prof. Dinur disclosed that the draft Education Law had been changed 15 times by the committee of Cabinet Ministers which had completed the draft.

A Ministry spokesman told The POST that under the draft Unified Edutation Bill, which has been drawn up by two parallel committees of eight Ministers and 16 educationalists, the elementary school syllabus will be in two sections: an obligatory minimum of 75 per cent of general subjects, and 25 per cent of additional studies which must have the direct approval of the Minister of Education; draft curricula are now being prepared in the Ministry, and each school will have the opportunity of selecting its complementary studies.

Two types of schooling will replace the present division into four trends: unified education and religious unified education—with the same percentage of general subjects in both. But considerable autonomy has been retained for religious schools. Parents will be obliged to send their children to the nearest school, without any choice in the matter, except between a unified or a religious unified school. This strict limitation on choice was necessary, said a Ministry spokesman, to avert a concentration of party interests in one school, and to ensure a mixture of the student population within each school.

A Director of Education, together with a Vice-Director for the religious unified section, will replace the four inspectors at present responsible for supervising each trend. The Director is empowered to execute decisions made by an Education Council, to be appointed by the Minister. This Council, to number about 20 members, will be recruited from educationalists, and will be chosen on a non-party basis.

A second Council, to deal with the religious aspect of the religious unified schools, is also provided for in the draft Bill. The Minister of Education has the right to select six of its members from 12 candidates submitted by the Ministry for Religious Affairs, and three more members from a list of six submitted by the religious teachers. Five more memebrs will be appointed directly by the Minister of Education.

Academic appointments and questions of curriculum will be in the hands of these two councils. At this stage, it is impossible to estimate the saving likely to be achieved by abolition of the trends, which entails complete re-organization of the country's elementary school network. The summer vacation has been extended by over a month — including the festival holidays — in order to complete administrative arrangements.

### EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Batisch, 9 Strauss, 2911, Levant, Julian's Way, 4656. TEL AVIV: Kohlberg, 22 Allenby, 2366, Yehuda Halevi, 91 Yehuda Halevi, 61189. Moshkowitz, 23 King George, 62650, Mossezohn, 83 Ben Yehuda, 62481, Hatikva, Hatikva Qtr., 67404. JAFFA: Olfandari, 51 Sd. Yerushalayim, 80607. RAMAT GAN: Lifshitz, 19 Herzl. GIVATAYIM: Mamelock, Borochov Qtr. HAIFA: Herzl, 42 Herzl, 2916, New British, 67 Jaffa, 4725. KIRYAT BIALIK: Bialik, 7239.

### EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

TEL AVIV: Dr. M. Shaham, 1 Syrkin, 8845, Dr. W. Loewenthal, 70 Pinsker, 66317, Dr. N. L. Sacher, 165 Dizengoff, 66383, Dr. W. Silberbach, 96 Yehuda Halevi, 62319.

## Not Enough Beds For Mental Cases

TEL AVIV, Wednesday— Nine hundred known mentally sick persons throughout the country were allowed to go about freely for lack of hospital beds, Dr. Yoseph Kott, who deals with mental diseases on behalf of Kupat Holim, told *The POST* today.

He was commenting on recent criminal cases involving persons who should have been hospitalised previously, such as Victor Misan, who allegedly murdered four-year-old Rahel Levin, and the man who was reported last Thursday as having attempted to choke a baby.

Dr. Kott said that Kupat Holim had on its books hundreds of cases which should be hospitalised in Government institutions, but that its request for 40 beds this year could hardly be filled. Kupat Holim itself did not have enough beds.

## J'lem Kirya's First Unit Nears Completion

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The first major office block of the new Kirya in Jerusalem is rapidly approaching completion, Mr. Z. Wanetick, executive engineer, told *The POST* yesterday, and its 200 rooms will be ready for interior decoration by July. The skeletons of two other blocks, each of a standard three-wing design, have also been completed up to the first storey.

Several departments of the Ministry of Finance recently moved into bright and airy "bungalow" offices which are multiplying along the Jaffa Road tip of the Kirya. Altogether, 32 office pavilions, containing about 400 rooms, are in different stages of completion, while connecting paths are almost finished, but as yet, no highway joins this village of concrete-blocks and pre-fabricated roofs with the imposing stone edifice of Jerusalem's future "Whitehall."

Conifer, olive and carob saplings now cover 80 dunams of the Kirya terrain, and about half the central gardens (35 dunams) were laid out during the winter planting season. Banks of rose bushes, grown at the Kirya nursery, are in full bloom — but are enjoyed only by the 300 labourers on the site.

While digging foundations workmen discovered three burial-caves of the time of Herod, and the Department of Antiquities is investigating other finds. Stone and gravel for building were supplied by excavation of the deep-shelters beneath the three main office-blocks but earth for the terraced garden had to be transported in enormous quantities from outside Jerusalem.

## Hotels Charge Neglect of Tourism in Capital

Jerusalem POST Reporter

Travel agencies neglect Jerusalem to the extent of providing tourists from Tel Aviv with "lunch-packets," as though fare were meagre in the Capital, local hotel-owners complained to the press yesterday. Tourists are informed that they can "do" Jerusalem in a few hours, and are taken for a cursory round of the sights, before being rushed back to Tel Aviv. This occurs, said the Jerusalem branch of the Caterers' Association, while pensions in Bet Hakerem and Talpiot — cool garden suburbs — stood empty and Tel Aviv hotels were crowded.

Although the Government had promised to help develop tourist-attractions in Jerusalem, nothing much had been done, and it was noticeable that theatre companies and the Philharmonic Orchestra preferred any other town in Israel to the Holy City.

### FIRST ONO COUNCIL HEAD ELECTED

RAMAT GAN, Wednesday—Mr. Zalman Mischari (Histadrut) was last night elected Chairman of the ONO Regional Council at its first meeting after the recent elections. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Ministry of the Interior.

### TEXANS CHEER EBAN

AUSTIN, Texas Wednesday (UP) Israel Ambassador Abba Eban was given a rousing ovation when addressing a joint session of the Texas Legislature here on Monday night.

REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

## Conciliatory Note In Coalition Crisis Comment

Editorial spotlight was yesterday for the second day directed almost exclusively upon the Coalition crisis caused by the resignation of the General Zionist Ministers on the "red flag" issue. Only two papers ("Omer" and "Herut") devoted their leading articles to the border situation which has been seriously aggravated in recent days.

"Omer" (Histadrut) points to the paradoxical contrast between the Government crisis in the Capital and the danger of Arab guerrilla warfare on the border. The paper points to the security measures decided upon by the Government and also urges increased activity in the diplomatic field. The paper speaks out against the British-run Near East Broadcasting Station, which serves as a mouthpiece for Arab propaganda against Israel.

In "Haboker" (General Zionist), Dr. P. Bernstein, M.K. the party leader, who earlier this week resigned his post of Minister of Commerce and Industry maintains that the only reason for his party's step was the Mapai Central Committee's decision on the flag and hymn, which came as a "shocking surprise" for the G.Z. faction. Those who believe that the General Zionists are interested in money only, should know that they (G.Z.) are not ready to compromise on the question of undiluted State education, Dr. Bernstein emphasizes. He says that many now deplore the breakdown of the coalition, including the General Zionists themselves who regarded it as a dire necessity for the recovery of the State. It seems that even those economic circles who used to criticize the G.Z. party during the period of coalition, are now having second thoughts about the matter, the ex-Minister adds.

### Trend System Wanted

"Hatzofe" (Hapoel Hamizrahi) says that the only solution is to shelve the issue of unified State education for the time being and meanwhile continue to use the trends system. The paper blames the "ambitions" of both Mapai and the G.Z. for the crisis which is grave and detrimental for the State at the present juncture. "Hatzofe" accuse the G.Z. faction of "verbal terrorism," by spreading abroad distorted stories about the background of the crisis, which are eagerly picked up by McCarthyites.

"Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) also feels that the time has come to renew the demand for retaining the trends. But "Hakol," which represents a faction of Agudat Yisrael opposed to the official leadership, warns the party against the illusion that the time has come to return to the coalition fold, and calls for the strengthening of the independent education network of Agudat Yisrael.

"Davar" (Histadrut) sees the true reason for the crisis in the tension inside the G.Z. party rather than in Mapai's decision on the flag issue. Reportedly the General Zionists decided to leave the Government a fortnight ago under the pressure of vested interests who were disappointed by their Ministers, the paper says, but expresses the hope that eventually the sense of national responsibility will prevail in the G.Z. councils.

### Case of Bad Temper

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) suspects that there is no real crisis but just an outburst of bad temper *fberoges* in the Hebrew idiom). It is very significant that the rank and file of Mapai dared to revolt against Mr. Ben Gurion on the issue of the flag and hymn, but they did not have the courage to make a stand on social and economic questions, the paper notes, and asserts that the Mapai leadership has endeavoured to appease the G.Z. party at almost any price, instead of looking for a "workers' front" with Mapam, based upon *halutziut* and a truly independent foreign policy.

(Meanwhile a correspondent in "Davar" points out that the defeat of the Prime Minister in the Central Committee clearly shows the "truly democratic character" of Mapai).

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) welcomes the moderate attitude of the Mapai press and spokesmen, which shows that the party appreciates the necessity for a broad coalition at the present juncture. The paper repeats its appeal to Mapai to rescind its decision, and points out that the red flag and the labour hymn are outdated symbols for the vast majority of Mapai members, who no longer believe in the slogans of "proletarian solidarity," but maintain these symbols out of conservatism.

"Herut" says that the present crisis is only a symptom of the deeper structural crisis of Israel's body politic. The paper severely criticizes the Government's "policy of restraint" against Arab outrages, which have recently become fully-fledged military operations.

## Favourable King David Hotel Report

For the second consecutive year since the King David Hotel in Jerusalem was reopened in 1948, the Palestine Hotels Ltd., its owners, present a favourable report. The net profit was IL.42,835 for the year ending September 30, 1952 as compared with IL.36,423 the previous year.

The Board of Directors recommended larger amounts of amortization for the year under review (IL.22,900 as against IL.8,300 the year before). It is also proposed to set aside IL.30,000 as deferred expenditure for renewals and replacements. The resulting small deficit of IL.102 will be carried forward.

### Bar and Terraces

The renovated bar has proved a great success, the annual report states. The cost of the recently-opened, enlarged garden terrace will probably be covered within one year.

Urgently needed equipment, bought last year, cost £45,000 (from the Company's Sterling balance in London). It is being used to improve services and to restore the traditional high standard of the hotel. Since the Government decontrolled tariffs in hotels in the highest category, the King David can regulate its prices and the Directors look with confidence to the future.

### The Haifa Scheme

Difficulties are reported with the Town Planning Authorities in Haifa regarding the final approval of a building scheme of the Company's Haifa Hotel on Mt. Carmel adjoining the Persian Gardens. The Directors hope, however, that the project will be approved.

Similar difficulties are being encountered in rebuilding the King David's southern wing. The Company's request for foreign exchange allocations from the British securities surrendered to the Israel Treasury in order to buy building materials abroad has not been granted. The Directors, noting their disappointment, state that the Company is a dollar-earning enterprise and has made a contribution in foreign exchange exceeding that of all other hotels."

The Company's capital and surplus of about IL.465,000 and funds for replacing furniture and restoring the south wing aggregating IL.170,000, are backed by the buildings of the Hotel in Jerusalem, its land and equipment, and the land in Haifa, totalling IL.281,000, by Government securities (locally and abroad) of IL.270,000, by stores and goods in the same amount in cash. Of the latter, some IL.30,000 is held abroad (at the rate of £1 to IL.1). Both cash and securities held abroad thus show a considerable reserve after the recent re-valuation of the Israel pound.

## Wittenberg Heads U.S. Squad

NEW YORK (INA). — Henry Wittenberg, one of the world's foremost wrestlers, has been made first choice to the mat squad of the United States team which will compete in the Fourth World Maccabia Games in Tel Aviv September 20-29 this year. Wittenberg's choice was announced by the Selection Committee for Sports in Israel, sponsoring the appearance of the American team in the Maccabia, which is expected to include athletes from over 30 nations.

## Hapoel-Maccabi Dispute Over Organizer

A difference of opinion has arisen between Maccabi and Hapoel over the question of the latter's participation in the coming Fourth Maccabia. The conflict arose when Hapoel, who state they wish to take part in order to raise the event to the status of a world Jewish sports meeting, complained that most of their suggestions to the Maccabi Executive in connection with the event have been turned down. These decisions led to Mr. Issa Ben Tzvi, the General Secretary of Hapoel, appealing to Maccabi for their reconsideration. Hapoel put their viewpoint to Maccabi in an open letter'.

### Facilitate Participation

Replying, Maccabi said that they welcomed Hapoel participation in the Maccabia, and proof of their sincerity was in the appointment of Hapoel representatives to all the governing sports committees. The reply said that "the aim of the Maccabi World Union is to facilitate the participation of Hapoel in the world Jewish sport event" but that the Hapoel representatives "stubborn stand" as regards the controlling organizer was an obstacle which lead to the deadlock. The M.W.U. ended with an appeal to Hapoel to join with them in a combined effort and mutual aid to ensure the success of the Maccabia.

## Kiryat Haim Out Of Hapoel Event

Kiryat Haim, Hapoel, last year's winners, were eliminated from the Hapoel Youth Light Athletics League Championship which took place at Afikim over last week-end. Kiryat Haim finished seventh.

First came Afikim, 194.5 pts., followed by Degania "A", 172 pts., Mosad Masaryk, 168.5 pts., Kfar Giladi, 167 pts. The meeting was a success for the "kibbutzim". Haifa finished in fifth place with 144 points. One hundred and eight athletes from nine branches participated.

The standard of performance was good and the events interesting. Among the best efforts were: 100 m.: M. Israeli (Haifa) 9.9 secs. Long jump: M. Israeli (H'fa), 6.02 m. 1,500 m.: Gorali (K. Giladi), 4:40.6. Shot-put: A. Carmeli (M. Masaryk), 9.32 m. (briefly reported Sunday).

A meeting for the Jerusalem youth championships was held in the Capital the same day. Results were: Youth: 100 m.: Dovra, 12.2 secs. 1,500 m.: Dorian, 4:24.3. Long jump: Ben Or, 5.84 m. Shot-put: Dovra, 12.7 m. Girls: 60 m.: Sandman, 9.3 secs. Long jump: Winkler, 4.96 m. Shot-put: Sandman, 9.56 m.

## England Win in Chile

The English selected soccer side, now on tour in South America, beat Chile by 2-1 a few days ago. They are due to meet Uruguay, the World Soccer Cup champions, on Saturday.

## STOCK MARKET

TEL AVIV

| May 27. | | Rise or Fall |
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| Govt Loan | | |
| 6%—1952 (reg) | 100½ | — |
| —1955 (reg.) | 100 | — |
| 5%—1956 (reg.) | 100½ | — |
| Pop. Loan | | |
| 1949/69 (IL.10) | 101½ | — |
| 1950/75 (IL.10) | 95½ | — |
| 2½% Tavel Dollar | 787½ | +7½ |
| 3% Nat Loan (large) | 295½ | — |
| B. Leumi Ord. sh. | 245 | —5 |
| A.P.B. Invest. | | |
| 4% Debs 50/70 | 94½ | — |
| 4½% Pref. sh. | 98 | — |
| Ord. sh. "P" | 109½ | — |
| Gen. Mortg. Bk. | | |
| 6% Debs 45/62 | 88 | — |
| 6% pref. sh. | 81½ | — |
| Bizur Debs. | | |
| 4% 46/58 | 91 | — |
| 4½% 52/66 reg. | 83 | — |
| Nir Ltd. | | |
| 4% Debs 39/59 | 97 | — |
| 6% Pref. sh. | 64 | —1 |
| Fasa Debs. | | |
| 4% 42/62 | 79 | — |
| P.L.D.C. | | |
| Ord. sh. | 170½ | — |
| 6% Debs. | 97½ | — |
| Afr. Pal. Inv. Ord. sh. | 120½ | — |
| Rassco | | |
| 4% Debs. 56/62 | 93 | — |
| 5% Pref. Ord. sh. | 91½ | — |
| Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh | 165 | —4½ |
| "A" Ord. sh. | 82 | — |
| Pal. Elec. Ord. sh. (Isr.) | 171½ | —1 |
| Mekoroth Pref. sh. | 65½ | — |
| Ata 4% "C" Pref. sh. | 99 | — |
| Ord "B" sh | 121 | —1 |
| "Kurdanch" Ord. S.sh. | 130½ | —3 |
| Assis-Bej.: "B" sh. | 166 | — |
| "Teva" Ord. sh. | 101 | — |
| Nesher 6% Debs Ser.A | 103½ | —½ |
| Pal. Cold St. 7% deb. | 121½ | —2 |
| Ledzia 4½% Pref. sh. | 67 | +2 |
| S.A. Binyan Ord. sh. | 88 | — |
| Pal Centr. Tr. sh. | 85½ | — |
| Pal. Bearer Bd. | | |
| Ser. 1 | 68 | — |
| Ser. 2 | 67½ | — |
| Ser. 3 | 66½ | — |

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price. c) ex coupons; d) ex right; x) prutot per one Dollar.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 3-6: "One Nation Out of Many Peoples," Exhibition, Bezalel Museum.
9-4: Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-1: Sanhedria Tombs.
10-1; 4-7: Exhibitions — works by Elias Kohn, Yona Mach. Artists House.
11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod.
8.30 p.m.: Recorded programme of entire performance of "The Martyrdom of St. Sebastian" by Debussy-D'Annunsio, in Y.M.C.A. Music Lounge.

TEL AVIV

10-1; 4-7: Museum: "Black and White." — Drawings by Young Israeli Artists.
11-1; 4-7: Paintings by Isaac Amitai: Artists House, 9 Rehov Alharizi.

HAIFA

10-1: Jewish Antiquities, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Arabic Art, Municipal Museum, Town Hall.
6 p.m. — Opening of Exhibition of Children's drawings — Municipal Museum, Town Hall.
8.30 p.m.: "Saint Joan," Chamber Theatre, Armon.

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FIRST PROGRAMME

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12.00 N "Music at Noon (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Housewives' Requests (R). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.45 Break for Music. 2.00 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Mif'al Hapayis Draw. 4.15 Siesta (R). 4.30 "Where to Go" (Jerusalem). 4.50 Light Music (T.A.). 5.00 Musical Miniatures. 5.15 Mif'al Ha'Payis Draw. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Concert Hall: Ludus Tonalis" (Hindemith). 8.00 Press Conference. 8.30 Bible Reading. 8.45 "The Knesset and its Committees." 9.00 Piano Recital: Michael Wittels. 9.45 Variety. 10.15 "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra. Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger. Soloist: Roe Vatikiotis, works by: Delibes, Offenbach, Mozart, Rapaport & Lavry. 10.45 "Night Melodies" (R). 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

469, 236, 48.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.
4.00 p.m. Opera. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Mishna Lesson. 5.30 Piano Recital. 5.55 Talk. 6.15 Close Down.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (25.5, 42.9 & 480 M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.
KOL ZION HAGOLA (32.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newsreel. 11.30 In the Country. 11.55 Musical Greetings.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.8, 318, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Classical Requests. 7.20 Today's Events. 7.35 "Discoveries Inventions." 7.50 Interviews. 8.00 Press Conference. 8.30 News. 8.45 Ballet Music. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
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| Tiberias | 32 | 20 | 30 | 30 |
| Haifa Port | 28 | 20 | 24 | 24 |
| Natanya | 31 | 11 | 25 | 27 |
| Hakirya | 31 | 16 | 28 | 27 |
| Tel Aviv Port | 28 | 15 | 23 | 23 |
| Lydda Airport | 30 | 15 | 29 | 30 |
| Jerusalem | 29 | 16 | 25 | 26 |
| Beersheba | 31 | 13 | 30 | 34 |
| Eilat | 31 | 20 | 34 | 37 |

FORECAST: Partly cloudy or cloudy.

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION dropped by IL.150,000 last week to IL.130,419,000. The decrease was caused by a IL.6,000 decline in Land Bonds to IL.76,830,000, and a IL.150,000 decline in Treasury bills to IL.53,589,000.

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THE NAHARIYA Local Council has opened a park and playground near the sea at the mouth of the Ga'aton River.

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A LARGE quantity of paper donated by the Swedish Clerks' Association to the Israel Clerks' Association for the publication of the local union's journal "Shurot" and for other propaganda purposes, is due here shortly. Both the Israel and the Swedish unions are members of the International Clerks' Association, which has its headquarters in Amsterdam.

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MISHMAR HASHIVA petrol station on the road to Jerusalem was robbed last night by two masked young men who made off with IL.150 in cash. A private car, with its number plates hidden in rags, drew up in front of the station at 4.30 a.m. The two armed men jumped out and intimidated the watchman not to interfere.

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DURING TRANSPORT all milk cans must now be covered with a wet cloth or other material to keep the cans insulated from the sun's rays and the milk cool, the Food Controller announced yesterday.

## Summer Employment Low in Nahariya

Jerusalem POST Reporter

NAHARIYA, Wednesday. — The summer season here has not started well, according to the manager of the local Labour Exchange. Formerly, summer employment figures offset the lower than average figures in winter, but at present many hotels and boarding houses are doing little business.

Of the 310 persons who apply for work daily, employment is found for about 60. Every day, 160 men and 90 women are told to come back in the afternoon. An unestimated number of persons have stopped applying for work since they feel it is not worth the long, fruitless walk from the *ma'abara*.

Employment priority is given to men with families of six or more children. The daily wage for unskilled farm labour is IL.3,500 and for work on roads IL.3,800.

The situation has improved considerably since January and February, when 350 persons were turned away daily from the Exchange.

## Oscar Gass, Economic Expert, Arrives

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. — Mr. Oscar Gass, noted American economic expert who has been appointed to head Israel's Economic Advisory Staff, arrived here by BOAC today, accompanied by his wife.

He was met by Mr. T. Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office and Mr. Ehud Avriel, Director-General of the Finance Ministry. He left later for Jerusalem where he conferred briefly with the Prime Minister.

Mr. Gass is still assembling his staff of experts, who will be drawn from top economists abroad and locally. He is laying special emphasis on recruiting Israel economists, so that their training and experience in economic planning may remain at the service of the Government after the E.A.S. has completed its mission. Mr. Gass and his American colleagues expect to remain here for two years.

## J'lem Magen David Adom Team on Strike

The Magen David Adom team in Jerusalem — 22 employees — went on strike yesterday against the non-payment of April salaries, but declared that it would attend to urgent cases despite the strike. Employees of Magen David Adom elsewhere in the country have been paid on time, but neither Jerusalem's Labour Council nor the Workers' Committee has elicited any response from the M.D.A. management as to payment of nine weeks' back wages.

## RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM — Frozen meat: 100 grams, Gimel 20, temp. 43. Fillet: 150 grams, coupons 487, 488, 502, 504, temp. 50. Bananas: 250 grams, coupon 34, temp. 28. Sugar: one kg., and an additional 500 grams on Aleph cards, Aleph 34, temp. 2. Margarine: 600 grams, Bet 20, Bet 30, temp., 2, 4, 5, 6. Chocolate: one bar, Aleph, Bet, and Gimel cards. TEL AVIV — Eggs: 4 eggs, Het 19. Frozen fillet: 150 grams, 486, 488, 502, 504, temp. 50. Coffee and tea: 150 grams coffee or 100 grams tea, or 50 grams coffee and 50 grams tea: Lamed 29, Lamed 30, temp. 25, 26.

# 3 Yeshiva Students Held in Bomb Case

Three orders of detention for seven days each were issued in Jerusalem yesterday against Mordecai Freund, Dov Parshan, and David Bleu—yeshiva students—arrested in connection with the alleged attempt to bomb several departments of the Ministry of Education and Culture in St. Paul's Road.

Four of the seven youths who were arrested in connection with the discovery of the bomb in the vicinity of the Ministry of Education were released by the Police yesterday without charges being made against them.

According to the police, Freund and Bleu were arrested, in the vicinity of the Ministry, with a bomb in their possession. The former is said to have confessed at the police station to participating in a plot to throw the bomb, in protest against unified education. The police also claimed that he took a detail to the Zoo, where four and a half kilograms of explosive material were found hidden behind stones.

Freund and Bleu are charged with having a bomb in their possession, intending to plant it in the Ministry; Parshan and a fourth person, Baruch Cohen, were brought to Court on suspicion of keeping explosives at home. The Magistrate ordered that both Freund and Cohen be released on bail, but on appeal, the District Court held that Freund should be detained for seven days.

### Underground Movement

In the District Court, Mr. E. Hedaya, Jerusalem District Attorney, stated that Freund belonged to a countrywide underground movement, which may be in possession of quantities of explosives. He declared that the accused is merely a link in a chain.

Mr. Y. Avinal presided in the Magistrate's Court, Mr. Y. Cohen was on the Bench in the District Court. Mr. A. Levy and Mr. A. Angel apeared for the accused.

High-ranking police officers at national headquarters in Tel Aviv were extremely busy yesterday investigating the attempted bombing incident, revealing that they had arrested seven young men, five of whom were Tel Aviv residents.

A source hinted that the investigation had led to a group organized throughout the country which may be responsible for many recent terrorist acts such as attacks on butcher shops selling pork, the burning of cars travelling on the Sabbath and, in a different field, the burning of Russian-language bookshops.

A hint was dropped that a lead had been discovered to the bombing of the Soviet Legation, but no official confirmation was available last night. A formal police statement said that the investigation would be conducted in complete secrecy "for the good of the public."

The special characteristics of the detainees were that some had been Stern Group members, while others were extremely religious. They were said not to be affiliated to any particular party.

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## TNUVA WANTS MORE DECONTROL

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). —Mr. M. Verlinsky, Manager of Tnuva, called today for the end of controls on prices of tomatoes, dried onions and grapes in the coming season. Addressing a special Tnuva conference, he said that controls could be lifted now because of the ample supplies, especially of fruit and vegetables, and because of the decrease in purchasing power.

The speaker said that Tnuva's turnover this year would be about IL.70m., as against IL.50m. last year. Tnuva supplied 63% of all agricultural produced sold, including milk, eggs, vegetables and fruit.

# Crisis Stops Cities' Portfolio Allocation

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The scheduled distribution today of Municipal Departments, both here and in Haifa, among Mapai and General Zionist Deputy Mayors was postponed as a result of the Government crisis. Until it is solved, all controversial issues are expected to be deadlocked.

After consulting law books, both parties found that before Mr. Israel Rokach could regain the mayoralty, the present Mayor would have to resign; another General Zionist Councillor would have to resign to provide a vacancy on the Council; all candidates on the General Zionist Party list, from Mr. Eliahu Bass (No. 13) to Mr. Feretz Bernstein (No. 54), would have to resign their candidacies, and a new list would have to be drawn up with Mr. Rokach in 12th place as the General Zionists have 12 members on the Council.

### Approval Needed

Mr. Rokach's inclusion on the list would have to be approved by the new Minister of the Interior.

Mayor Haim Levanon may hold a routine Council meeting on Sunday, an act which will be resented by the Histadrut faction, which feels in a strong position since they have an elected Deputy Mayor who cannot be dismissed.

## 'Pathological Liar' Given 17 Months

PETAH TIKVA, Wednesday.—A swindler and forger with 22 previous convictions, Ephraim Roth, 23, of Tel Aviv, was today sentenced to 17 months imprisonment by the local Magistrate's Court with a special recommendation for psychiatric treatment. A Government doctor testified that the accused was a pathological liar.

Roth was convicted of having obtained IL.30 from Shoshana Klein of Kfar Saba last November on the pretext that he organized illegal immigration from Rumania and Hungary and would bring her family into this country.

He was also found guilty of forging an entry permit to a military airfield.

# Court Order for Arab Who Aided Jews

POST Legal Correspondent

An Arab, who had allegedly been commissioned by Jewish Agency officials in the Lebanon in 1949 to smuggle Jews out of the country and to bring them to Israel, was issued an order by the High Court yesterday, calling on the Minister of Defence to show cause why he should not refrain from deporting the petitioner.

The applicant, aged 22, was born in Jaffa. Two months before the capture of the area by Israel forces, he fled to the Lebanon. There, he claimed, he was approached by a friend working on behalf of the Jewish Agency, and was asked to bring Jews to Israel. On the basis of an explicit promise that the State of Israel would extend citizenship to him in case of his arrest, the petitioner agreed to undertake the job, he asserted.

After having smuggled about 40 Jews out of the Lebanon, the applicant was arrested in Acre and jailed in a military prison. He asked to be issued an identity card in return for his services, but was deported instead. The Lebanese authorities then imprisoned him for six months and prepared to charge him with treason.

The applicant managed to escape and enter Israel, only to be deported to the Lebanon again shortly afterwards. Preparations were made anew to try him for "aiding and abetting the enemy," but he succeeded in fleeing to Israel before the trial began.

The petitioner submitted to the Court a certificate issued by the Jewish Agency, attesting to the fact that he had worked for the Agency in 1949, bringing Jews from the Lebanon to Israel. He invoked the promise made to him originally, and argued that the State must recognize services of this nature rendered to the Jewish Agency.

The Court was composed of Justices Silberg, Assaf and Landau. Dr. I. Wiener appeared for the applicant.

## SAUDI ARRAIGNED FOR SHOOTING FIANCEE

PETAH TIKVA, Wednesday.—Said Saudi, 33, who allegedly shot at his fiancée Blanche Shimon, 20, and her mother at their home in Ramat Yitzhak on Monday night, injuring both, was arraigned today before a local Magistrate on a charge of attempted murder, and was remanded in custody for 15 days.

The accused, who was brought in handcuffed and was smartly dressed in a grey suit, said nothing in court.

# Damages For 'Damages'

POST Legal Correspondent

An order temporarily forbidding the distribution of a book on the "Seder Nezikin" (the section dealing with damages) of the Mishna was issued by the Jerusalem District Court yesterday, pending hearing in a IL.5,000 plagiarism suit filed by Dr. M. Margaliot, of the Hebrew University, against Professor H. Albeck, also of the University.

The plaintiff, a lecturer on Rabbinical literature, charged that in 1944 he had been commissioned by the Dvir company and Mossad Bialik to write two works on the "Seder Nezikin" and "Seder Nashim" of the Mishna. He stated that he had been given an advance of IL.300, and was to get ten per cent. of the returns.

After having finished his book on "Seder Nezikin," Dr. Margaliot declared, he gave it to the defendant for compilation, as agreed upon in the contract. To his great surprise, the book appeared on Shavuot under Professor Albeck's name.

Dr. Margaliot is also applying for a declaratory judgment that the work published under the name of the defendant is his, and that publication be stopped until the name of the plaintiff has been changed for that of the author.

The hearing was before Judge Y. Cohen.

Mr. Y. Bazak and Mr. A. Meridor appeared for the plaintiff.

## Fishing Boat Pulled Off Sandbank

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The "Karish," a IL.35,000, 60-ton fishing boat belonging to the Mikmoret fishing kibbutz was yesterday pulled off a rocky sandbank opposite Gan Ha'atzmaut here on which it ran aground on a foggy morning ten days ago.

Credit is due to Tel Aviv's Harbour Master, Mr. B. Lieberman, who after fruitless attempts by several tugs and motor boats to pull the vessel off, sank two barges on either side of the "Karish," and, by pumping the water out of them, lifted her. The "Karish" was taken out of the water by a huge crane at the Port here today, and pronounced seaworthy after examination.

ARGENTINA. — Six leaders of the Argentine leading opposition party, the Radicals, were released yesterday after one month in prison for "anti-State activities."

# Argov Denies U.S. Bases Story

POST Knesset Correspondent

A suggestion that Israel had proposed to Mr. John Foster Dulles, the U.S. Secretary of State, the leasing of military bases, was termed "libellous" yesterday by the Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, Mr. Meir Argov (Mapai). He was replying to a motion of the extreme left factions of the House to put on the agenda a debate on the Secretary's recent visit here.

The House would hold a full dress debate on Israel foreign policy in a fortnight when the Foreign Ministry's budget was up for discussion, he continued.

Talk about Israel having "sold out to America" was intended solely to spoil relations between this country and the USSR, Mr. Argov added. In no country, least of all Soviet Russia, would the visiting Minister of a friendly country be treated in such an outrageous manner as the Communists had seen fit to do when Mr. Dulles was here. "Nobody called Ribbentrop a fascist when he visited Moscow in 1939," Mr. Argov said.

Another motion by the three parties of the extreme left, calling upon the Government to accept the Peace Movement's petition for a meeting of the Big Five, was rejected by the Knesset.

## Two Soldiers Killed In Road Accident

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — Two soldiers were killed, one severely injured and three others slightly hurt when a military command car driven by their captain overturned two kilometres before the Scorpions' Ascent, in the central Negev, early this morning. The car was on its way to Ein Hatseva. It was found by military police.

# Shoham Defends Merchant Navy

Jerusalem POST Bureau

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Israel shipping was in no way responsible for the irregularities of food distribution, the Shoham Company stated here today in an emphatic denial of charges made this week by Mr. A. Halevy, head of the Commerce Ministry's Food Department.

"The time table of Israel or foreign ships depends on discharging and loading conditions in overseas ports, over which we have no control. No exact date can be determined for the arrival of ships here. The margin of delay can be up to a fortnight on long routes, "the Company said. "If stocks are low, the threat to regular food distribution from such delays cannot be blamed on the Merchant Navy."

"Food purchases are often effected in the last minute. It happens that while a ship is loading urgently needed cargo for one Government department, another department wants the ship to sail to a different port to pick up urgent cargo there. Needless to say, at least one cargo is delayed, but again the fault is not ours. Our ships are often held up because of the tardy opening of Letters of Credit by one or another department, causing us losses for which we receive no compensation."

### Delivery Date Unspecified

"The shipment of Cuba sugar in the s.s. Henrietta Szold was booked by three foreign companies and not by the Ministry of Commerce. No precise delivery date was specified, and the suppliers knew that the ship had to call at four other ports after loading the sugar. The s.s. Atlit, which can carry 12,000 tons, loaded only 5,000 tons, at Alexandretta at the request of the Food Department, in order to build up stocks here. When the ship returned to Alexandretta to load the second half, the Port was crowded and she had to wait several days."

Factors outside Shoham's control accounted also for the delay of a shipment of sugar from Spain. Mr. Halevy said that it was due here on Saturday, while it was now learned from the importers that the cargo would not be ready for loading before the beginning of June.

"In view of the Government's difficulties, we refrain from complaining about the issues caused to the Merchant Navy," the statement concludes. "We are, therefore, entitled to expect, from the departments concerned, that they should not blame us for the irregularities of food distribution."

## EXPORTS RECORD AT HAIFA PORT

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Exports through Haifa Port this month are expected to total over 11,000 tons — a record tonnage—*The POST* learned here today. The largest item was cement, of which about 8,000 tons were shipped, mainly to Turkey. Scrap iron for Italy, totalling about 1,000 tons, was next. In addition, the s.s. Demir is expected here tomorrow to load another 5,000 tons of cement for Turkey.

Other exports included a long list of items, from Kaiser-Fraser cars to feathers, and from pencils to chocolate. Excluding citrus shipments, this is the highest tonnage of export goods sent from the Port in any month since the State was established. Imports handled in Haifa this months are expected to reach about 40,000 tons.

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Tel Aviv Port broke its record today by unloading 1,600 tons in eight hours using nine 11-man gangs, Port authorities said tonight.

The old record was 1,200 tons, while the average is 900 tons a day.

# SS Bin Nun Returns With Sad Tale

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The 9,000-ton s.s. "Bin-Nun", the 31st vessel of Israel's merchant fleet, called here for the first time yesterday, bringing with her a tale of misfortunes which is to be investigated tomorrow by a Ministry of Communications committee.

The ship, owned by the recently formed "Israel Judges Line," financed by private capital in the U.S., was purchased in Rotterdam last December and taken to the U.S. by a part Israeli crew. The Master was Zion Tzahari, a 36-year-old "sabra" who became a U.S. citizen.

On her way to the U.S., the 32-year-old vessel proved uncomfortable for the Israel crew, who, in telegrams to Israel and the U.S. partners of the company, complained about "inhuman" conditions aboard, the press was informed today.

### Ship Goes Aground

When the ship reached La Romana in Santo Domingo, her tow line became entangled in the propeller and she was pushed on to coastal rocks and damaged. Captain Tzahari disentagled the tow line by a daring plunge into a shark-infested sea.

On arrival in the U.S. the Captain and four other Israel members of the crew left the ship. The Company then engaged Captain Sigvri Monningsvarg, who brought her here with additional Italian sailors. The complaints of the crew about the ship's quarters and delays in payments are to be investigated.

Technical Director of the "Judges Line," Mr. A. Israelitan, said that the Israel sailors were "spoiled," and that he would think twice henceforth before engaging any. He added that the ship was now in perfect condition.

Mr. Israelitan announced that the Company had purchased its second vessel, the 9,000-ton, 28-year-old s.s. "Trade Winds," now on its way to the U.S. under the Bolivian flag.

A CENSUS OF midwives is to be taken by the Ministry of Health between June 14 and 20.

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# American Records Now Cost Less

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The price of long-playing records will be drastically slashed by the latest extension of the U.S. State Department Informational Media Guarantee Programme, which has already brought over $1m. worth of books to this country since last autumn. The first five import licences, entitling dealers to bring in long-playing classical and light classical records to the value of about IL.850,000 have been endorsed by the Ministry of Commerce.

Records now on the market priced between IL.12 and IL.14 will be available under the I.M.G. programme for as little as IL.4; educational institutions enjoy a special reduction, enabling them to buy records at factory price — some 15 per cent lower than retail price.

The I.M.G. programme ensures the American exporter conversion of Israel currency into dollars, so that no hard currency expenditure is needed from the importer. School supplies were recently included within the I.M.G. programme for Israel, and discussions are in progress between the Israel Government and the U.S. authorities as to the possibility of importing educational films within the scheme.

Although the inclusion of records was agreed upon in principle some time ago, commercial problems postponed the granting of import licences to dealers. British record manufacturers held the main distribution rights in Israel, whereas it was proposed to distribute American—made discs. Needles and spare parts for record-players are not obtainable under the scheme, but there is hope the terms may be broadened in the future.

# Simhon Witness Accused

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The trial of Rav-Samal H. Simhon, 28, charged with the murder of Mira Artzi in Tiberias on December 30 took an unexpected turn in the District Court here today when the defence charged that either the prosecution witness, S. Kaufman, or his friends had committed the murder.

After a four-hour cross-examination of Kaufman, a friend who had accompanied the girl to Tiberias on December 30, Defence counsel A. Levitzky, said: "You informed the police of Mira's disappearance only to throw suspicion on Simhon for the crime that you or your friends committed that night."

Kaufman denied this and all other charges. Judge B. Zohar told him that he need not give self-incriminating answers. Pressed by the defence, Kaufman admitted several things that he had at first stoutly denied, and withdrew those that he had admitted.

### Remained Indifferent

Of his relations with the girl, he said that he had liked her very much and had asked her to marry him. She had refused "as long as my relations with Simhon continue." He had remained indifferent when Simhon entered the cafe and asked Mira to go outside with him, as he thought this "natural." He was not disturbed when told that the couple were together outside.

Kaufman said had been sure that Mira would return to say goodnight, even after the police patrol had told him that Simhon, the Army captain with him, as well as the girl had left for Degania in a car. Asked why he had nevertheless informed the police of her disappearance at 3 a.m., he replied that "instinct" told him something was wrong.

Mr. Levitzky suggested that Kaufman, from the cafe kitchen window, had seen the car leaving and had then seen Mira return alone to the cafe; that he had gone out, murdered her, and had hidden her body in the ruins.

Kaufman, another witness and the cafe owner's son, all denied this. Kaufman said that after he had reported Mira's disappearance he had continued playing cards until 7 a.m. and had then left for work in Haifa. He repudiated the suggestion that he knew where and how he had left the girl, and that he had "staged" the statement and then run away. The trial will continue tomorrow.

## Ness Ziona's 70th Bithday Celebrated

REHOVOT, Wednesday. — Nes Ziona, brilliantly lighted and displaying hundred of flags, celebrated its 70th anniversary today.

Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, in praising the pioneering spirit of Reuven and Feige Lerer, noted that they were the only family who had founded a settlement. Other speakers were Mayor Eliahu Miron, Mr. Behor Shitreet, Minister of Police, village notables and representatives of many institutions and organizations.

Mr. Israel Rokach, who was scheduled to appear, sent his regrets.

AIOC. — A Tokyo Court yesterday rejected an appeal by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company to bar the Idemitsu Oil Company from importing Persian oil which the British concern claims was nationalised oil ops by. AIOC announced that it would appeal to a higher Court...

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# Churchill Addresses Queen on Democracy

LONDON, Wednesday (UP).—The venerable Sir Winston Churchill assured the young Queen Elizabeth II today that her people feel "the Queen can do no wrong," but he reminded her that Britain will not be dominated by any one ruler or system.

It was an historic scene, this first formal occasion of Coronation week, as the Queen came to the great Westminster Hall for a banquet for the Premiers and Parliamentary representatives of the Commonwealth. This was Sir Winston's main Coronation performance, and he took the occasion before the Queen to compare the love of democracy and hatred of dictatorship common to Britain and the "great republic" of the U.S.

The Queen responded to the Royal toast by recalling that her late father, George VI, met representatives of the legislatures of the Commonwealth on the eve of his coronation.

"It is a stirring thought that all these legislatures are descended from the assembly which first met under this roof nearly seven centuries ago. We stand here in the Palace of Westminster which is the home of the Mother of Parliaments."

# Reynaud's Terms: Revised Constitution

PARIS, Wednesday (UP). — Veteran Politician Paul Reynaud, seeking investiture as France's 19th post-war Premier, asked the National Assembly today for constitutional revision and a top-to-bottom house-cleaning for the modern "sick man of Europe."

In one of the hardest-hitting speeches the tense Deputies have heard in years, M. Reynaud told them frankly that they were falling down on their duty. He broke with tradition by announcing that he will not form any government until his constitutional reform project is signed. It must go through both Upper and Lower Chambers by Saturday, he declared, or he will not be Premier.

The 74-year-old Honorary President of the right-wing "Independent" Party said that the law, basically strengthening the weak executive branch, would automatically call for new elections if any government is overthrown within 18 months of its installation.

Even Reynaud's opposition said the speech was "sensational" — but he was far from being installed. The vote will not come before tomorrow, Deputies said.

Applause was loudest from the right-wing groups, with the centrists—whose help will be needed if a majority is to be found—only clapping mildly and the left not at all.

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## Cables in Brief

FREE.—Henry Guy Navarra, former British Army Officer who was released in Teheran on Monday after being in jail five months on an espionage charge, left today for Baghdad. Navarra was released on condition that he left the country.

FORD. — A crippling parts plant strike of 60,000 Ford Motor Co. workers throughout America ended last night after the firm signed an unprecedented wage and pension agreement with the CIO United Auto Workers' Union.

HELICOPTER. — The Duke of Edinburgh took off from the lawn of Buckingham Palace yesterday to inspect Colonial troops at Woolwich, across the River Thames.

CONTRACTS. — The U.S. Department of the Interior has awarded a $1m. contract to the Swiss firm, Oerlikon Engineering Co., for four hydroelectric generators for the Palisades power project in Idaho, and a contract of $600,000 to the British Feranti Electric Co., to supply six transformers for the McNary Dam on the Columbia River in Oregon.

### WOMAN SAID STONED BY RELATIVES

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). —A 30-year-old woman resident of the Herzlia ma'abara, Ramia Nahari, was found lying unconscious and covered with blood at Rehov Ben Yehuda, corner Rehov Yermiyahu last night and was taken to the Hadassah Hospital. According to the police the woman, who is mentally ill, was stoned by her relations who had accused her of behaving in an immoral manner.

No arrests have yet been made.

### MAX BALL TO ADVISE TURKS ON OIL

ANKARA, Wednesday (USIS).—Mr. Max Ball, a U.S. oil expert, will serve as consultant in drawing up a code of laws governing oil exploration and production here. This follows a Turkish Cabinet decision six months ago to seek foreign capital to develop the nation's unknown oil resources. Mr. Ball served in a similar capacity in Israel last August.

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2. Arie Kindler: "The Chronology of the Hasmonean Coins in the light of Palaeographical Research."
3. M. Narkis: "Have the Coins of the Roman Procurators been struck in Jerusalem?"
4. Professor A. Reifenberg: "The Coins of the First War against Rome."
5. Leo Kadman: "The Coins of Aelia Capitolina."
6. Uri Ben-Chorin: "Early Arab Coins from Jerusalem."
7. M. Narkis: "The Coins of the Cruisaders Kingdom of Jerusalem."
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THE vagaries of Jordan politics are almost beyond belief. On Monday of this week the Parliament in Amman passed a resolution protesting against the speech of the British Prime Minister on Middle Eastern questions in general and the Anglo-Egyptian dispute in particular. That, however, did not preclude the Government on the following day from invoking the Anglo-Jordan Treaty and demanding British support for action against Israel. An immediate meeting has been called of the Anglo-Jordanian Defence Board to consider "what steps to take to defend Jordan's frontier from Israel aggression." The task of conveying Jordan's demands to the British Government, whose head had just been severely reprimanded by the Jordanian Parliament, has been entrusted to General Glubb — a commission calling for no small measure of political schizophrenia.

**CONFUSION IN AMMAN**

The Jordan Government has done nothing to stop the incursion of gunmen and marauders into Israel territory; but when, after a long succession of murders and robberies, the tables are turned on the attackers, it indulges in fierce denunciations of Israel aggressiveness in the time honoured language of aggrieved virtue, while permitting a large-scale organized attack by armed forces on three Jewish villages in the coastal plain.

General Riley has, as a farewell gesture of pacification, gone out of his way in his report on Mount Scopus to pass over the most evident Jordan transgressions on the Scopus Demilitarization Agreement. Everyone knows that the transformation of the Augusta Victoria Hospital into a refugee centre is a breach of the Agreement. So is the concentration of many hundreds of new Arab settlers in the village of Iswaya. General Riley's report cannot avoid pointing out these breaches, but he pleads, for the sake of peace, that things should be left as they are. This magnanimity, however, does not shield him from a most violent outburst by the Head of the Jordan Delegation to the Armistice Commission because he had confirmed after a thorough search of the Israel area on Mount Scopus that the Israelis had not violated the Scopus Agreement.

We are not unaware of the internal difficulties besetting the new regime in Amman. They have apparently not yet mastered the art of tight-rope walking which the continuous conflict between the claims of internal extremism and the necessities of external policy enforce upon every Arab Government. But they should have some little care in driving things to extremes. And they might also be wise in pondering the implications of their rash actions and resolutions. It might be a good move from the angle of local consumption, while sending marauders and saboteurs into Israel, to invoke the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty and to demand British help against Israel. But supposing the British were to turn to Amman and demand active military assistance on the part of the Arab Legion if they found themselves attacked in the Canal Zone by Egyptian regular or irregular forces? The immediate meeting of the Anglo-Jordanian Defence Board, for which the Jordan Government has just asked, might offer a convenient forum for enquiring into the intentions of the Jordan Government, in such an eventuality. General Glubb might find himself placed in a rather awkward position if faced with such leading questions by his British opposite number. And the Jordan Parliament might begin to ponder the wisdom of unanimous resolutions directed against the Head of the Government of its principal ally.

## 'FIRST' IN LAND RECLAMATION

The first ceremony of its kind ever to have been held in Israel took place yesterday morning at Eshtaol when a hundred dunams of land to be reclaimed from stones and boulders were dedicated in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice and Yolan Land of Allentown, Pa., who made a substantial donation for this purpose. This is the first of the special reclamation projects for which Jewish National Fund hopes to enlist the aid of Jewries abroad and which have the object of bringing under cultivation much of the 1m. dunams of hill area.

### Israel Navy's Fifth Anniversary

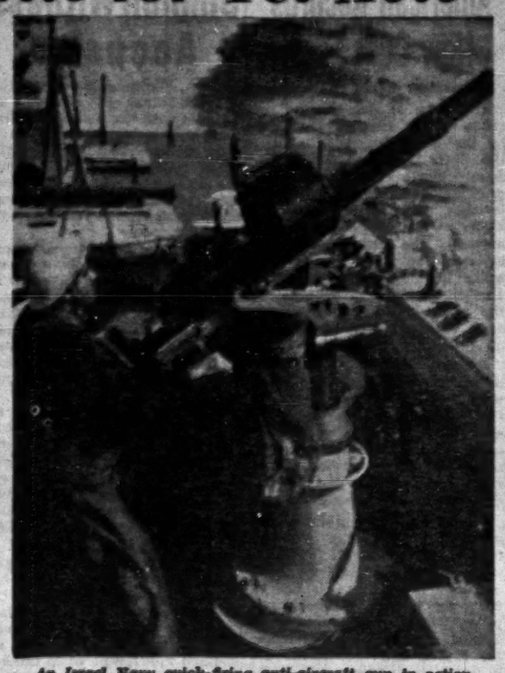
# The Battle for Tel Aviv

THIS week the Israel Navy is celebrating its fifth anniversary. Five years ago, on May 27, 1948, the Israel Navy fought its first naval engagement with the Egyptian Navy. The decision to form a Fleet was taken in the few hectic weeks that preceded the Declaration of Independence, when the coast was exposed to every form of attack, blockade and landing.

A Naval Staff was established in Tel Aviv and made responsible for the country's maritime safety. First of all, unmolested passage had to be assured for ships bringing immigrants, arms and equipment. Next, the harbours and coastal cities had to be protected from naval bombardment, and enemy landings prevented. It was a tall order, as Israel had neither warships nor a harbour to operate from. The only deep-sea port (Haifa) was still in British hands, and the twin harbours of Jaffa-Tel Aviv were too small for anything larger than a fishing boat. Mandatory authorities were more than sure that no Israel Navy could be established. It is no wonder that the Arabs, too, were in the dark concerning our naval capabilities. The Egyptians, in particular, thought that on the sea at least, Israel was a "pushover." They were in for some surprises, however.

Working day and night right under the noses of the police several blockade-runners rotting in Haifa's main breakwater were made seaworthy and manned by former officers and men of Allied navies and merchant marines who were mobilized from all over the country. The ships succeeded in slipping out of the harbour at night to Tel Aviv, where the main overhauling and refitting was done in the open sea. Working from boats and lighters in rough seas the men repaired the engines, installed navigation equipment, fitted armour plating, splinter shields and gun mounts. The mounts were empty, for no guns were available and the few ancient field artillery pieces were shifted from front to front and always in great demand. Finally, after much haggling with the Army, a few 20-mm. anti-aircraft guns were received. The first two ships armed with these cannon and commissioned as warships were the "Hana Senesh" and the "Eilat." The Hana Senesh was an ordinary coastal cargo vessel, and the Eilat a former United States Coast Guard icebreaker. They were fitted with two 20-mm. guns each and in lieu of real naval guns, the Eilat's main gunmounts were fitted with dummy cannons made of cardboard, calculated to make a favourable impression upon the enemy.

The first test came on May 27, 1948, when an Egyptian naval squadron of four ships—a corvette, a tank landing ship, an armed transport and a landing craft, appeared off Tel Aviv. The transport and landing ships were filled with troops. The Egyptians planned to shell the defenceless city and capture it with troops. The only Israel ship on duty off Tel Aviv was the Eilat. The Hana Senesh was on the high seas escorting immigrant ships. Against the Eilat's two small cannon, the Egyptians had four naval three-inch guns, eight 40-mm. guns and twelve 20-mm. cannon.



*An Israel Navy quick-firing anti-aircraft gun in action.* Photo by Salomon

However, the Egyptians didn't expect any naval opposition and so before they knew what hit them their decks were being raked by shells from the Eilat's two pop guns. From the distance the Egyptian commander could see the two imposing six-inch guns swinging towards him. He had no way of knowing they were dummies, and since he didn't wish to find out, the entire Egyptian squadron beat a hasty retreat, with the Eilat in hot pursuit.

The Egyptian corvette which covered the squadron's retreat opened fire with her two three-inch guns, and four or five shells hit the Eilat's bridge and superstructure. Another shell hit the deck and penetrated into the main engine room, but fortunately did not explode. Its two small guns hopelessly outranged, the Eilat pressed full speed ahead to close range in order to bring its machine cannon into play. The Egyptian corvette, however, manoeuvered out of Eilat's range and sent shell after shell crashing into the icebreaker, although there was more noise than actual damage, one direct hit, however, put Eilat's aft 20-mm. cannon out of action. The ship's single remaining cannon remained firing when air support was announced over the radio. Israel's first naval air strike consisted of a Piper Cub plane flown by pilots Sprinzak and Yadin (son of Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, and brother of Major-General Yigal Yadin, former Chief of Staff).

The pilots dived over the Egyptian flagship, the "Emira Fawzia," and started dropping cannisters loaded with explosives by hand. Incredible as it sounds, one of these hand-dropped cannisters hit the Egyptian flagship and started a fire. In the process of hitting the Egyptians, however, both pilots sacrificed their lives, for swooping low to drop the cannisters by hand, they were caught in the crossfire of at least 14 Egyptian anti-aircraft guns, and the small plane disintegrated in mid air. The Eilat gave chase, but the Egyptians had enough. They retired post-haste to lick their wounds and issue medals and campaign stars commemorating what they now call "The Battle of Tel Aviv."

Today, five years after "The Battle of Tel Aviv," the Israel Navy has come a long way from the coastal schooners with machineguns which were the nation's first line of defence. With three frigates, three corvettes, one sloop, two minesweepers, torpedo boats and scores of landing and patrol vessels of all sizes officially listed by international naval publications, the Israel Navy is ready to defend the nation's coasts and seas.

# Five Year Plan On Public Approval

By KENNETH L. COHEN

A PLAN should be produced for economic development over a fairly long period. Long enough to enable us to prepare economic recovery, but not so long that the later stages will be quite unrelated to the reality of ever-changing conditions. A period of four or five years is suggested. There is already, of course, Dr. Ga'aton's Four Year Development Plan, but owing to its all too rigid construction it has, in the main, remained a dead document. The plan we need must have the two qualities of flexibility and significance for policy.

Flexibility can be obtained in two ways: firstly the plan must be subject to constant revision in the light of actual developments. Secondly, there must be a scope of variability in the estimates so that, while the plan will show what we hope to achieve over the period, it will also show a minimum that we must achieve even if our original expectations are not completely fulfilled. In drawing up the plan, we shall have to decide priorities so as to what we can most afford to carry out, and in what directions to employ additional and unexpected resources.

Significance for economic policy can be obtained by periodical reports to the Knesset comparing estimate and achievement, explaining the divergencies between them and in dictating what adaptations have been made in the target for future years in the light of current experience.

One of the main functions of the plan is to measure our achievements and to guide our efforts. Do we need more workers in a given industry or profession; if so, we must make arrangements to train them and to release workers from less essential employment. Do exports lag behind estimate; if so, we must take steps to stimulate them at the expense of home production. Is there a bottleneck in a certain industry; then we must find the cause and remedy it.

### Determining Requirements

The estimate of our minimum requirements involves us in a matrix of inter-related calculations. We shall have to start with a good guess as to the level of consumption we can maintain. A rough estimate must be made for our requirements for defence, amenities, shelter, clothing, transport and all other public services, as well as culture and entertainment. Taking each in turn we should ask what is the barest minimum we require, what level we can hope to attain, what we should like to obtain if slightly more resources are available. Then we must estimate to what extent they can be supplied by our home target, and what imports are needed. Thus we arrive at a series of estimates of our total foreign currency requirements. We must then examine how much of this total can be met by the earnings of our own exports. All this implies a process of mutual adjustment which should go on all the time.

Once we are in a position to produce a rough picture of the industrial distribution, we should decide our manpower requirements. The gap between the skills and professions needed and those at present available should provide us with a training policy.

Planning of this nature requires, of course, the setting up of a central Planning Authority. It should constantly examine progress in every sphere. Did a particular industry fulfil its minimum target? How close is it to the higher estimates? Are priorities being maintained? or is development lopsided? How close are we to international solvency? Where are the bottlenecks and by what steps do we propose to overcome them? It should also review the effects of existing legislation and propose new enactments which would help towards achieving our objectives.

### The Cost of Planning

The planning machinery itself will be expensive. But this is necessary since planning before action is a safeguard against avoidable mistakes and waste of resources. It pays in the long run to think before you act. No doubt many mistakes will be made in the early stages. Some estimates will be hopelessly astray and much legislation will have effects not previously accounted for. But by studying these mistakes we shall learn how to adapt machinery and methods to actual conditions.

A complete reorganization of this magnitude can be carried through either by forethought and planning, or by the brute force of events. The latter method is costly and achieved by a process of crisis and haphazard adjustments. It confuses the citizen who sees unemployment and waste of resources while he is being exhorted to increase production and to suffer unnecessary hardships. The question is not whether we can afford the cost of planning, but whether we can afford not to plan.

Our first rule must be the maximum exploitation of our labour and resources. The exploitation of our labour-power, its skills and potential skills requires an up-to-date record of the manpower potential and the training of workers in the skills most urgently needed. In the same way, the rational employment of capital assets, both of local and foreign origin, requires planned direction.

The budget itself must be used as handmaid to the national plan so as to encourage development in accordance with the plan and penalize those which run counter to it. Every expenditure or tax or other [illegible] must be judged not by its effect alone [illegible] Government's finances but on the economy as a whole. A saving which only creates unemployment resources for which there is no opening is not a saving but a loss. Luxuries, semi-luxuries or other products which use imported materials, or materials and manpower which could be absorbed by export industries or other industries of higher priority, are a fair target for taxation. Progressive income tax is a means to social justice and national unity; but it must not impede production.

### Moral of Planning

Planning can be carried through either by compulsion or consent. Compulsion is the totalitarian method. It begins by telling the people fairy stories to mak them do what the Government thinks good for them. It follows by the use of force, cruelty and suffering to make them do as they are told.

Democratic planning has seldom been tried. It implies that the Government take the people into its confidence and harness their goodwill, intelligence and idealism for a great collective adventure. Of course, regulations must be enforced and social discipline and cohesion maintained. This is a precondition for all successful action on a large scale. But the people must identify themselves with the plan because its aims are their aims. It all amounts to a combination of freedom with purpose and achievement. Ruling by discussion is, after all, an unbroken Jewish tradition.

(This is the last of three articles. The others appeared on May 26 and 27).

## KEEPING POSTED

WE were ambling along the road on the morning after the Great Flag Crisis. The little boy at the corner, who has known everything better than other people for all the eight years of his life, was explaining that his father said there was a new law that every school would have a red flag up all the time, but he'd show them, he'd take a little Israel flag along... We also talked to the shoemaker, who is a simple man and has eight children. "Believe me," he said, "if they'd have proper schools for everybody, so they would learn something, the flags could take care of themselves. Now my wife says little Chayale's teacher..." We'll spare you the rest of this one, but it took a long time, made your flesh creep, and sounded true enough. Finally we met an old friend who has known political parties from the inside for a great many years. "Soldiers get buried wrapped in a national flag," he said, "and statesmen sometimes, but that a bourgeois party should wrap itself up in a red flag to die..."

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*WE were fortunate enough to be in at the birth of a tradition the other day in Tel Aviv, when we happened to meet up with a fishing family. Nowadays, if you live near enough the Yar-*

*kon you rig up a long bamboo rod, fit it up with the complicated coloured gadgets on which little boys and their fathers can spend the family's substance, and sit on the banks of the river. Some people actually catch edible fish, some just sit, and everybody is happy. In this particular family the elder boy came home hours late, with a nasty little eel like a shiny worm, and insisted on having it cooked for his supper. His little brother stood by, admiration shining from his eyes, held his hands half a yard apart and, quite unaware that he was pronouncing the classic sentence of fishermen the world over, said "but you should have seen the one that bit and got away again, it was this big!"*

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LIKE a good many other people we now look at the paper every morning hoping against hope that today at least there won't be another murder, that nobody will have killed his fiancé or his business partner or the old woman he was holding up to rob. It is not quite the same with infiltrators, for we are at least not morally responsible for them. This business of pulling out your pistol because it is an unanswerable argument — unless the other fellow also has one — may be an ancient malpractice but we don't like to see it restored. A story used to be told that when the first bank robbery was carried out in Tel Aviv by a couple of amateur gangsters complete with masks a horrified eyewitness told the story to Bialik. 'Bialik said dreamily "And did they say 'hands up!'?" Yes, they did. "In Hebrew?" Yes. Bialik sighed. "Then it's all right, then we are a nation again with a language. To hell with the bank's money." Well, the murder is being overdone; we don't need that much normalization. We prefer the ghetto atmosphere on that one, for a man from a small Ukrainian town tells us that when he was a small child there was a famous case of a Jew named Reinits who broke into a house to rob, and finally murdered the owner when he woke up and protested. It was the talk of the town, and a dozen years later whenever our friend quarrelled with his brothers his mother told him to be quiet and said "be quiet or you'll end up like Reinitz".

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*A CORRESPONDENT writes that he was standing in a Tel Aviv courtyard on a very hot day and saw what looked like a big heap of snow. He realized that it could not well be snow, but must be some interesting chemical. He went up to it, and picked up a handful. It was cold like snow, too. So he told himself that, of course, there were certain chemicals that produce the illusion of cold, etc. It also melted like snow round the edges. Finally he realized that*

*the courtyard belonged to the Cold Storage plant, and that it simply was "snow" scraped off the cooling pipes. In future, he says, he's going to trust the evidence of his eyes, even when it's snow in May.*

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